

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 2**

**DATE:**

**SUBJECT:** EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT  
SECTION 313 REGULATORY COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

Honig Chemical & Processing Corp.  
414 Wilson Ave.  
Newark, New Jersey 07105

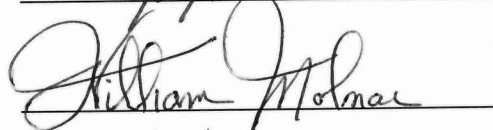
**Inspection date: April 9, 2015**

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**TO:** Susan Schulz, Chief  
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**I. FACILITY INFORMATION**

COMPANY NAME:	Honig Chemical & Processing Corp 414 Wilson Ave Newark, New Jersey 07105
TELEPHONE NUMBER	(973) 344-0600
TYPE OF FACILITY	Manufacturing
TRI FACILITY ID:	07105HNGCH414WI
FRS NUMBER:	110001134601
NAICS CODE:	325199 (All other Basic Organic Chemical Mfg.)
DUN & BRADSTREET NUMBER	05-509-0106
STATE OF INCORPORATION:	New Jersey
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES:	38
GROSS ANNUAL SALES:	\$2.1M

## II. INSPECTION

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: April 2, 2014  
DATE OF INSPECTION: April 9, 2014  
TIME OF INSPECTION: 10:00 AM

TYPE OF INSPECTION CONDUCTED: EPCRA 313, Neutral Scheme

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: David Honig, President

COMPANY PARTICIPANTS: Joseph Rotunno, Director of Operations

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## III. OBJECTIVES

On October 16, 2014, an EPCRA Section 313 neutral scheme inspection was conducted at Honig Chemical Processing Corp. located at 414 Wilson Ave, Newark, New Jersey to determine regulatory compliance with the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. (40 C.F.R. Part 372). Honig was selected for an inspection because it was part of the "Making a Visible Difference in Communities Initiative" and it has a NAICS code that appears on the list of facilities that must report if it meets the reporting requirements. Arrangements for this inspection were made with Joseph Rotunno, Director of Operations on April 6, 2014 by telephone. A confirmation e-mail and questionnaire were sent to Rotunno on that same day.

## IV. DESCRIPTION OF COMPANY

Honig Chemical & Processing Corp. (Honig) has been at this site since 1975. It is incorporated in the State of New Jersey. Their D & B Number is 05-509-0161. The company President is David Honig. The 50,000 square foot facility is privately owned. In 1978 Robert Honig formed another corporation in partnership with Julian Bauer and Arnold Stern called Jarchem Inc., which markets the products produced by Honig. They currently have 38 employees; 21 work in the manufacturing division and 17 work in the marketing division. The production division operates 3 shifts/day, 24 hours/day, 5 days/week. Sales operates 1 shift, 5 days.

## V. INSPECTION SUMMARY

### A. OPENING CONFERENCE

Upon arrival, Mr. Wienckoski introduced himself and William Molnar. After presenting our

EPA identification, explaining our status with the EPA and the purpose of our visit, we issued a Notice of Inspection to Mr. Rotunno. He was then asked to read and sign The Notice of Inspection (Attachment 1). He signed the form and retained a copy for company records. He was also informed that we may require photocopies of specific documents during the course of the inspection which would be listed on The Receipt for Samples and Documents.

## **B. EPCRA SECTION 313**

We reviewed the answers to the completed questionnaire that was sent to the facility prior to the inspection (Attachment 2).

Honig manufactures acetate salts specifically sodium acetate, potassium and sodium di-acetate used in the food and pharmaceutical industries. The raw materials used in the preparation of these salts include acetic acid, potassium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, glycolic acid and benzoic acid. None of these chemicals are on the Toxic Release Inventory. The facility also repackages anhydrous salts, natural oils and butters

A typical salt such as sodium acetate would be prepared by the neutralization reaction of sodium hydroxide with acetic acid in a reaction vessel. The resulting product is then dried in filter presses and/or rotary dryers. The finished product is then tested and packaged. The wastewater is pumped into an aboveground storage tank where the pH is adjusted and discharged to the industrial sewer. All off-spec product is recycled.

Rotunno stated that Honig does not generate hazardous waste from the manufacturing process. He added that in 2014 expired raw materials were identified in the warehouse and shipped off-site as hazardous waste by Republic Env. Systems (Attachment 3). Their non-hazardous waste is handled by Waste Recovery Solutions (Attachment 4). They have a New Jersey air quality Permit GP-108 (Attachment 5).

The only TRI chemicals listed in the Community Right To Know Documents were Sodium Nitrite and Hydrochloric Acid (Attachment 6). Mr. Rotunno said they no longer use those chemicals (Attachment 7).

Mr. Rotunno said the most recent Form R that he could find was for the reporting year 1997. The TRI chemical reported was Captan, CAS # 133-06-2 (Attachment 8). They no longer use this chemical.

## **VI. CLOSING CONFERENCE**

After the walkthrough we returned to the conference room. There were no other questions. Rotunno then signed the Receipt for Samples and Documents and retained a copy for company files (Attachment 9).

## **VII. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Based on examination of the documentation received and requested during the inspection of the facility, it appears that they did not process any TRI chemicals for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

## **VIII. ATTACHMENTS**

1. Notice of Inspection
2. Inspection Questionnaire
3. Hazardous Waste Manifest
4. Non-Hazardous Waste Manifest
5. Air Permit
6. Community Right To Know Surveys for 2011, 2012 and 2013
7. Chemical Non Use Document
8. Form R Report
9. Receipt for Samples and Documents .